

**Senate Bill No. 495**

AN ACT concerning

**Family Day Care – Registration Amnesty for Unregistered Providers**

FOR the purpose of providing an amnesty for certain unregistered family day care providers; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt certain guidelines; granting civil immunity to certain persons; providing that this Act shall be terminated on a certain date; and generally relating to registration amnesty for certain family day care providers.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 5-552.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Unregistered family day care providers are difficult to identify and locate; and

WHEREAS, Cessation of child care services during the registration process is an economic disincentive to registration; and

WHEREAS, The registration process frequently is prolonged due to problems with code compliance and administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS, Unregistered family day care providers, therefore, are reluctant to become involved in the registration process; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Maryland and Department of Human Resources should take positive action, including a public information program, to encourage unregistered family day care providers to comply with State laws governing child care; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Family Law**

5-552.1.

(A) (1) THERE IS AN AMNESTY PERIOD FOR UNREGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE AMNESTY PERIOD IS TO ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART V.